



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: P.W. Lorraine et al.
Group Art Unit: 3662
Serial No.: 10/~~064,618~~ 747,739
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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.47(a)

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.47(a), Applicants respectfully submit this petition to allow the subject application to be made by the signing joint inventor on behalf himself and Mr. Ronald Alan Kline, last known mailing address 4408 St. Andrews Court, Norman, Oklahoma 73072, a non-signing inventor who could not be found or reached after diligent effort.

Applicants respectfully submit that despite diligent efforts to locate Mr. Kline, Applicants have been unable to find him or otherwise contact him to execute the declaration and assignment for the subject patent application. On March 3, 2004, the application papers were sent to Mr. Kline's last known address via Federal Express. This last known address was taken from the GE Corporate inventor database and was separately confirmed by a telephone call to the Human Resources Department, GE Global Research. A copy of the air bill attached to the envelope containing the papers is enclosed in Attachment A herein. The unopened envelope was returned to GE some time later with the message "move" written across the air bill. Applicants then performed a search using various Internet-based directories, searching the state of Oklahoma for various combinations and permutations of Mr. Kline's full name and initials. The search was not successful. Moreover, Applicants contacted the three entries yielded for "Ronald A Kline" from a nationwide search on Yahoo's People Search web site, and none of these efforts produced contact with the inventor of the present application.

In light of Applicants diligent but fruitless efforts to contact Mr. Kline, as set forth above, Applicants respectfully request that the subject application be made by the signing co-inventor on behalf of himself and Mr. Kline.